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Office Action Summary	Application No.	Applicant(s)	
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	Examiner	Art Unit	
	Sunil Singh	3673	

-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 22-25 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 22-25 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on ____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
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| 3) <input type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08) | 5) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152) |
| Paper No(s)/Mail Date ____. | 6) <input type="checkbox"/> Other: ____. |

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

2. Claims 22-25 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Krekeler (US 3397012).

Krekeler teaches sleeve called for in claims 22-25 (see Fig. 18). The radial contraction radially inwardly is explicitly disclosed (see col. 13 line 63)

3. Claims 22-25 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Emmerich et al. (US 4084856).

Emmerich et al. teaches sleeve called for in claims 22-25 (see attached marked-up Fig. 7). It should be noted that there is nothing in the claim **preventing** the interpretation that the rearward end terminates before “protuberance 84”; thus meeting the limitation of “split portion having an external surface that is uniform”.

4. Claims 22-25 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Crosby (US 3865437).

Crosby teaches sleeve called for in claims 22-25 (see attached marked-up Fig. 5). It should be noted that there is nothing in the claim **preventing** the interpretation that the

rearward end terminates before "protuberance 46"; thus meeting the limitation of "split portion having an external surface that is uniform".

Response to Arguments

5. Applicant's arguments filed 8/23/04 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive. Applicant argues that Krekeler '012 does not have a sleeve with a split that allows for contraction radially inwardly. The examiner does not concur. Applicant is directed to col. 13 line 63, wherein contraction radially inwardly is explicitly disclosed. With regards to Emmerich et al., applicant argues that the split portion does not have an external surface that is uniform since the rearward portion includes protuberance "84". The examiner does not concur. The examiner would like to direct applicant to attached marked-up Fig. 7. It should be noted that there is nothing in the claim **preventing** the interpretation that the rearward end terminates before "protuberance 84"; thus meeting the limitation of "split portion having an external surface that is uniform". With regards to Crosby, applicant argues that the split portion does not have an external surface that is uniform since the rearward portion includes protuberance "46". The examiner does not concur. The examiner would like to direct applicant to attached marked-up Fig. 5. It should be noted that there is nothing in the claim **preventing** the interpretation that the rearward end terminates before "protuberance 46"; thus meeting the limitation of "split portion having an external surface that is uniform".

Conclusion

6. Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP

FIG. 6

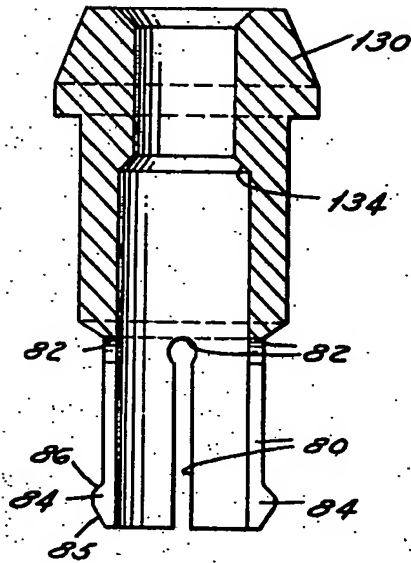


FIG. 5

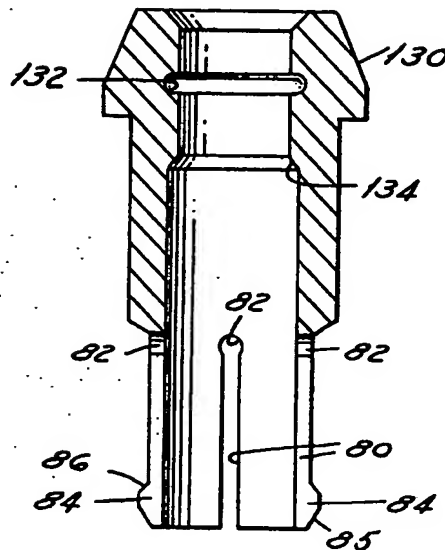


FIG. 7

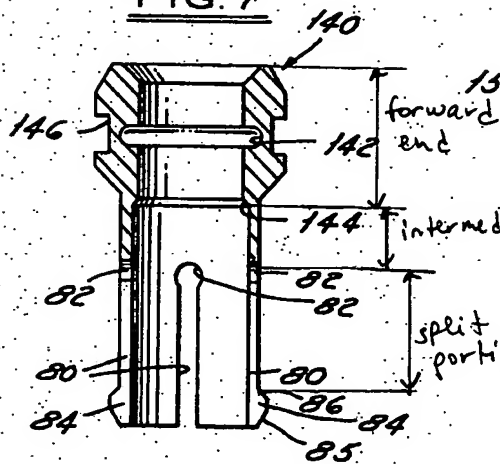
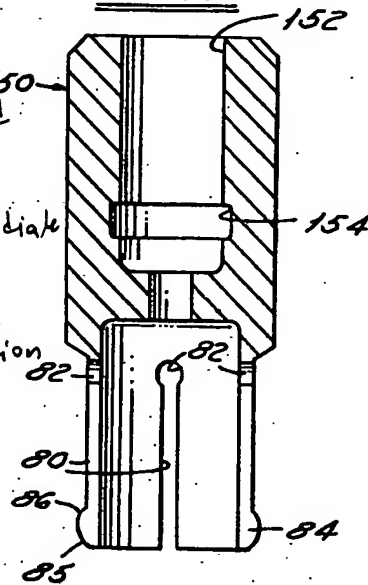


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FIG. 5

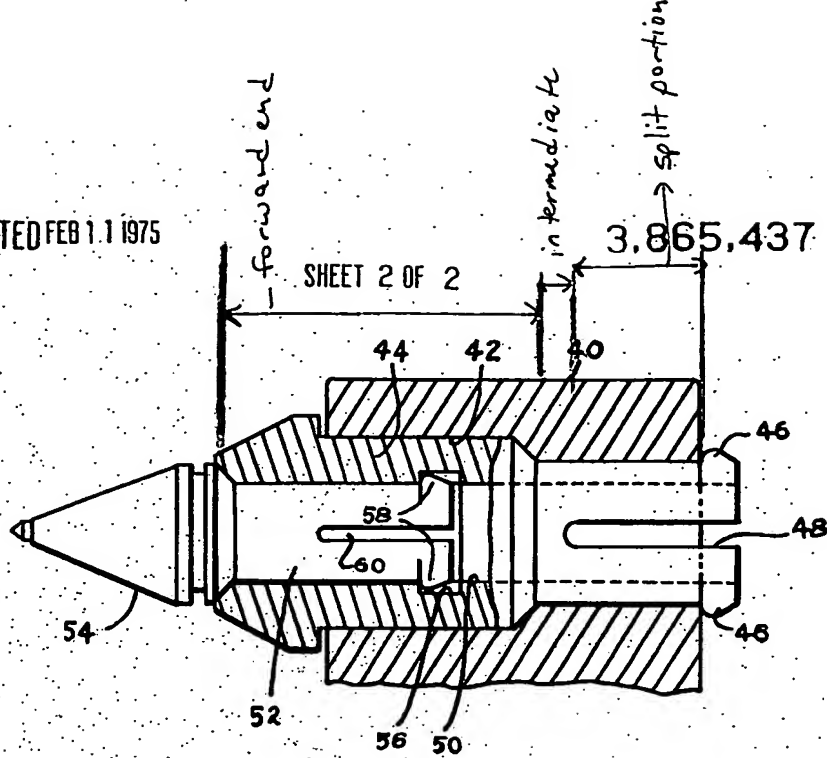


FIG. 6

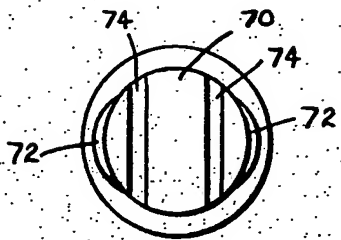
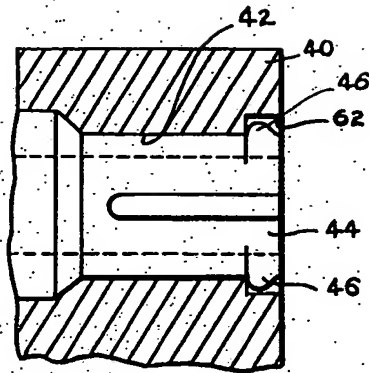


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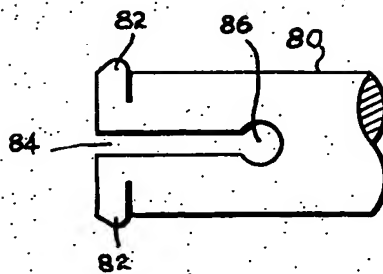


FIG. 8

§ 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the date of this final action.

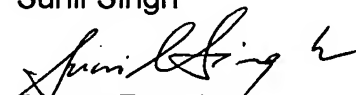
7. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Sunil Singh whose telephone number is (703) 308-4024. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday 8:30 AM-5:00 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Heather Shackelford can be reached on (703) 308-2978. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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Sunil Singh



Patent Examiner
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